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DEPUTIES' MEETING

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Friday, 21 August 1953

PRESENT: General Cabell, Messrs. Wisner, [redacted], Kirkpatrick, Colonel White,
Messrs. Helms, Sheldon, [redacted] (part of meeting only), [redacted]

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Mr. [redacted]
Reviewed Embassy reports on developments in Iran; reported on the situation in Morocco; reported that Romulo had withdrawn from Philippine presidential race in favor of Magsaysay, and that Quirino's illness is completely debilitating.

General Cabell:

Expressed his satisfaction on the performance of the intelligence community, particularly CIA, in connection with the Soviet H-Bomb explosion.

Mr. Wisner:

a. Referred to IN 12088 and its relationship to the Volunteer Freedom Force. He undertook to cable the Director on this matter.

b. Referred to the reduction in funds for [redacted] and suggested that, after he had checked the point of responsibility for restoring the reduction, the Acting Director take the matter up with FOA or Defense as appropriate.

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[redacted]
Reported that he had completed his review of the Finance Division, that he was very pleased with the results, and that the backlog in this Division was almost entirely cleared up. He noted that he expected to spend about ten days on the Commercial Division.

Colonel White:

a. Reported that he had authorized Mr. Lewis of the Washington Daily News, who is doing a piece on the President's Loyalty Program, to study our unclassified regulation on this subject.

b. Informed those concerned that there would be a general power shut-off in the West Potomac Park area on Saturday and Sunday, August 22 and 23, affecting buildings L, K, J, and I, as well as those further toward the river. It was noted that communications facilities, with stand-by power resources, would not be affected.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

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a. Placed at [redacted] disposal the facilities of the Inspection and Review Staff which has been studying the Commercial Division.

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b. Reported that he had seen [redacted] and that there should be no further concern on the matter.

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Mr. Sheldon:

a. Reported that the briefing for Senator Knowland was set for Saturday, August 22 at 2 p.m. in Oakland, California. Mr. Wisner noted that [redacted], who was to handle the briefing from the DD/P side, was ill and might not be able to make the appointment, but that a substitute had been arranged.

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b. Reported that the format of the NSC meeting for August 27 had been changed, with CIA appearing at the middle of the meeting, on the subjects of Iran and Morocco.

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Mr. Helms:

a. Reported most favorably on Communications performance in connection with the [redacted]. On their own initiative, Communications personnel had worked extraordinary hours and had picked up [redacted] signals directly, without customary relays, handling some of the traffic in 15 minutes as against a normal 4 hours. Mr. Helms suggested the Acting Director formally commend Communications personnel. Mr. Sheldon added that [redacted] performance should be recognized.

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b. Reported that the Navy had requested the services of [redacted] who has been with the Agency about 18 months, for assignment to the Joint Staff. General Cabell directed that General Truscott be asked for comment and that the whole thing be played "straight".

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